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SUBJECT: FINLAND MOVES TOWARD RECOGNITION OF PRG

1. DURING MY CALL TODAY ON MFA SECRETARY -GENERAL TUOVINEN I ASKED HIM WHETHER OR NOT GOF WAS CONTEMPLATING ANY CHANGE IN ITS POSITION ON RECOGNITION OF PRG. TUOVINEN SAID THAT FONMIN KARJALAINEN HAD JUST ISSUED PRESS STATEMENT WHICH INDICATED THAT CONDITIONS IN SOUTH VIET NAM MAY SOON BE SUCH THAT FINLAND WILL RECOGNIZE AND ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH PRG. TUOVINEN ADDED THAT GOF, IN CONTRADISTINCTION TO SWEDEN, WAS STILL HOLDING OFF ON RECOGNITION. THE IMPLICATIONS WAS, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD ONLY BE A QUESTION OF TIME BEFORE FINLAND FOLLOWED SWEDEN'S EXAMPLE. TUOVINEN ALSO BROUGHT UP SWEDISH RECOGNITION OF PRG AS ONE REASON FOR KARJALAINEN'S STATEMENT.

2. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF KARJALAINEN STATEMENT: "AS I NOTED IN MY STATEMENT TWO WEEKS AGO, FINLAND'S RELATIONS WITH SOUTH VIET NAM CAN BE DEFINED ONCE THE COUNTRY'S SITUATION AND POSITION HAVE BECOME STABLE. ACCORDINGLY, FINLAND WILL RECOGNIZE SOUTH
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VIET NAM AS AN INDEPENDENT COUNTRY, WHEN THE ENTIRE AREA

OF SOUTH VIET NAM IS ADMINISTERED BY A UNIFIED CENTRAL
ADMINISTRATION, WHICH IS ALSO THE OBJECTIVE OF THE 9173
PARIS ACCORDS. THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS APPEAR TO HAVE
LAID THE FOUNDATION FOR A UNIFIED SOUTH VIET NAM, WHERE
MILITARY ACTIONS END. IN THE SITUATION THAT HAS DEVELOPED,
THE FINNISH GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE MEASURES TOWARD RECOGNITION
OF SOUTH VIET NAM AND ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS."
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